

Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

August 11, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The logo for this year's Owensboro Multicultural Festival, designed by Dime Pierson

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We listen for God, and we hear what the prophet heard:

Rise and eat!

Elijah looked, and at his head was a cake baked on hot stones.

Rise and eat, lest the journey be too much for you.

We rise and eat, and by holy food we are sustained.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

from "Psalms for Life and Peace," Lima, Peru *Bread of Tomorrow*

God, food of the poor; Christ our bread,

give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken

from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us.

A fraternal loaf that makes us human.

A warm loaf that makes us a family.

*HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

BLESSING OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with us all, now and wherever we go.

Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus says that he is the Bread of Life, and that anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Sin and failure work on us by acquainting us with pains that are like death.

But Christ has given us life. Let us turn to him now.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, renew your life in us. Protect us from the despair our sin has caused. Give us refreshment and heal what is broken inside us. As we turn to Christ, strengthen and restore the faith that saves. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Water splashes and bubbles and seems to laugh. As we are forgiven in Christ, let our joy be complete. By this water, remember your baptism and give be thankful!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love.

Let us love one another! And let us be at peace.

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*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 698)

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Sung through 5x

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, because of all that is desert-like and empty inside us, we need your Word, "Rise and eat!" We will listen for that now, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:4-8 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 6:35, 41-51 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

Jesus was God in the flesh. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Living Waters for the World

Bill Jansing

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Because of all that God does in Jesus Christ, our full generosity is the right response. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

The prayer continues.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We are fed for eternal life, since Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. Because we are now fed and refreshed, let us live as Jesus' joyful disciples. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 496

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

ARFON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Tamara Warren*

Communion Servers: *Marilyn Ericksen & Janice Odom*

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through July)	Month of July (final)	Week Ending August 10
Income: \$290,357.33*	Income: \$57,553.09	Income: \$ 9,895.00
<u>Expense: \$329,172.32</u>	<u>Expense: \$35,642.58</u>	<u>Expense: \$13,785.39</u>
Balance: -\$38,814.99	Balance: \$21,910.51	Balance: -\$ 3,890.39

*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

Want to help? If you are writing or renewing your will, please remember the church.



26th Annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival
This Saturday, August 17 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on the church lawn

- 58 exhibit booths featuring cultures, countries, and community organizations -
- 11 food vendors representing a variety of global cuisines -
- A full schedule of singers, dancers, poets, and more on the main stage -

The opening ceremony is at 10:00, led by the Owensboro High School Choir and ROTC Color Guard, and with prayer by Rev. Claudia Ramisch. The People's Parade, featuring the Lunar Lion Dancers, will then kick off a day of fun and learning for the 2,500+ people who are expected to attend.

A full entertainment schedule and more is available on our Facebook page:
[facebook.com/OwensboroMulticulturalFestival](https://www.facebook.com/OwensboroMulticulturalFestival)

Volunteers are still needed: Sign up sheets with more info are in the main hallway.

The Multicultural Festival is a statement of our church's belief that all people are made in the image of God and the diversity of humanity is worth celebrating. Please join us!



Kids' Kirk (formerly known as Worship & Wonder) resumes today. This is a special worship opportunity for kids age 5 through 5th grade that follows the time with young disciples. Kids will return to the sanctuary before communion.

Youth Group begins for the year tonight at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

Choir Rehearsal resumes next Sunday, August 18, at 9:00 A.M. as we welcome our new music director Patrick Ritsch back to FPC.

The FPC Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, September 29 beginning at 12:10 P.M. with dinner to follow at Old Hickory. More details to come.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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